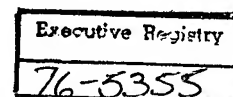




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Faithfully yours,

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Mr. Knoche attended Bethany College (West Virginia) and Colorado University, and was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College (Pennsylvania).

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Modern society has also greatly affected the kinds of things U.S. intelligence must know in order to respond to the needs of our leaders. For example, CIA collects information on international terrorism in support of a high-level Government task force dealing with this menace to our security. International economic affairs are of increasing importance these days and are the subject of CIA analysis.

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This is not to criticize the right of Congress to review our activities. CIA will no doubt be the better for the examinations of intelligence carried out last year. New directives from the President, and closer oversight from the Congress, have resulted. CIA is a disciplined, loyal, and responsive agency, and it will most assuredly adjust to the new guidelines and I think it can do so without losing effectiveness.

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In foreign affairs, intelligence is knowledge and knowledge provides the basis for our nation's leaders to influence international events in the best interests of the United States. Our job is a never-ending quest for the most accurate information and the most objective analysis of the forces at work in the world today. Americans expect that we will have the best possible intelligence service, and we will not let them down.

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Attached is a biographic profile and an article that can be sent in response to Mr. Keller's request for a piece by Mr. Knoche on the CIA for publication in Delta Tau Delta's publication, The Rainbow. Mr. Knoche may want to personalize it a little with some reference to the fraternity. You may wish to check the profile as to whether we ~~need to~~ mention the NPIC connection. Let me know if you want any revisions.

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